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Whereas, the General Election to Lok Sabha-2014 for 01-North Goa Parliamentary Constituency, is scheduled on 12-04-2014;

And whereas it is essential to conduct the General Election in free and fair manner and to maintain public peace, order and tranquility as per the provisions of law and the Model Code of Conduct which came into force with effect from 05-03-2014;

And whereas it has come to the notice of the undersigned that political disputes, confrontations and violence start on the eve of the poll mainly due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other Food Shops/Joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc. while carrying out door to door campaigning or intimidations of voters or influencing voters and due to gathering of any crowd at places within the vicinity of 200 metres of the Polling Stations, which creates nuisance and law and order problems;

And whereas Sections 171-B and 171-C of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) clearly disallow attempts of bribery and undue influence on any person or voter and whoever commits offence of bribery is

punishable under Section 171-E of IPC and whoever commits the offence of undue influence or personation at an election is punishable under Section 171-F of IPC;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore under the powers vested in me under sub-section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 I, hereby pass the order *ex-parte*.

Now therefore, I, D. P. Dwivedi, District Magistrate, North Goa in exercise of the powers vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, hereby order that on the day of Poll, viz. from 06.00 hrs. to midnight on 12-04-2014 all Hotels, Restaurants, Bars, Tea Shops, Pan Shops, Eateries and other Food Shops/Joints (Dhabas, Gaddas), etc. within the vicinity of 200 meters of any Polling Station in 20 Assembly Constituencies within 01-North Goa Parliamentary Constituency, shall remain closed to avoid their misuse for carrying campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and I further ban any gathering or crowd comprising of more than 5 persons within 200 metres of any Polling Station in order to avoid occurrence of any law and order problem.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, on this 8th day of April, 2014.

D. P. Dwivedi, IAS
District Magistrate,
North Goa.

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